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For: DATA DECODING APPARATUS AND  
METHOD, CHARGE INFORMATION  
PROCESSING APPARATUS AND METHOD,  
DATA REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND  
METHOD, ELECTRONIC MONEY,  
ELECTRONIC USE RIGHT, AND  
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TERMINAL APPARATUS

**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the official action dated  
September 1, 2009 Applicants submit the following remarks.